

Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA) 07/01/2022 to 09/30/2022

Black Hills National Forest

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Project Name	Proje	ct Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact		
Drainata Convering Nationwide								
Projects Occurring Nationwide Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A. EIS	- Regulations Orders	, Directives,	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Sarah Shoemaker 907-586-7886 sarahshoemaker@fs.fe d.us		
	Description:	Pescription: The U.S. Department of Agriculture proposes revisions to its regulations at 36 CFR 228, Subpart A governing locatable minerals operations on National Forest System lands. A draft EIS & proposed rule should be available for review/comment in late 2020						
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.	gov/project/?project=57214					
	Location:	regulations apply to	level Units. STATE - All States. Co all NFS lands open to mineral ent sda.gov/science-technology/geolog	ry under the US minin	ng laws. More Infori	mation is available		
Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land.	- Regulations Orders	, Directives,	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 08/08/2020 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/2022	Expected:06/2022	07/2022	Laura Conway 406-802-4317 laura.conway@usda.go v		
	Description:	Programmatic Supp Land.	plemental EIS for the Nationwide A	erial Application of Fi	e Retardant on Na	tional Forest System		
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.	gov/project/?project=60450					
	Location:		level Units. STATE - All States. C S will apply to use of aerially delive			•		

R2 - Rocky Mountain Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)

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R2 - Rocky Mountain Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)								
Powerline Authorization for Black Hills Power Corporation	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/28/2022	Expected:06/2022	06/2022	Robena Downie 307-358-4690			
CE *UPDATED*					Robena.Downie@usda. gov			
OPDATED	Tekla-Osage-Rap	orization for existing 230-kV and 69-k oid City lines. a.gov/project/?project=61935	V electrical powerline	s, including Wyoda	k-Hot Springs and			
		on Ranger District, Douglas Ranger l yoming. COUNTY - Custer, Fall Riv ack Hills NF.			I			

Black Hills National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest) R2 - Rocky Mountain						Rocky Mountain Region	
RNA and BA Mineral Withdrawal EA	- Minerals a	ea management nd Geology ership management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Louie Conroy 605-673-9207 Imconroy@fs.fed.us	
UPDATED	Description: Web Link:	 Proposed withdrawal of research natural areas and botanical areas from mineral entry. Necessary part of RNA designation process. Forest Service recommendation to BLM, who makes the decision. Project not subject to the objection process. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=45590 Location: UNIT - Black Hills National Forest All Units. STATE - South Dakota, Wyoming. COUNTY - Custer, Lawrence, Pennington, Crook. LEGAL - Not Applicable. This proposal addresses four Research Natural Areas and seven Botanical Areas totaling about 17,000 acres at various locations in South Dakota and Wyoming. 					
	Location:						
Rushmore Connector Trail Project		management e management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Louie Conroy 605-673-9207 Imconroy@fs.fed.us	
	Description: The State of South Dakota has applied for a permit to construct, operate and maintain a 14-mile non-trail across the Forest connecting the Mickelson Trail to Mt. Rushmore National Memorial. The decision amend Forest Plan direction.						
	Web Link:	: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44935					
	Location:						

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Spruce Vegetation Management Project EA	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/22/2022 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 05/2022	Expected:10/2022	11/2022	Jeffrey Underhill 605-673-9200 jeffrey.underhill@usda.g ov
	Web Link: lands with the object http://www.fs.usda.g	ct to treat white spruce (Picea glaud ctive of increasing overall forest res gov/project/?project=61599 National Forest All Units. STATE - S LEGAL - Not Applicable. Black H	iliency and reducing u	ındesirable fire beh	avior.

Black Hills National Forest	Bearlodge Ranger District (exclud	earlodge Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R2 - Rocky Mountain R						
Bearlodge Isolated Parcels Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project	- Forest products - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/08/2022	Expected:05/2022	09/2022	Michael Gosse 307-283-1361 x3451 michael.gosse@usda.g			
CE					OV			
	Description: Reduce hazardous	fuels on isolated NFS parcels surre	ounded by privately ov	vned land.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.	.gov/project/?project=61415						
		Location: UNIT - Bearlodge Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Crook. LEGAL - T. 52-56 N., R. 63-65 W., 6th P.M. West side of Bear Lodge Mountains, Crook County, Wyoming.						
Black Buttes Fuel Reduction CE	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2022	Expected:08/2022	10/2022	Elizabeth Krueger 307-283-1361 elizabeth.krueger@usd a.gov			
	Description: Vegetation management to reduce hazardous fuels, including removal of commercial material.							
	Location: UNIT - Bearlodge F P.M. South of Sund	Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming dance, Wyoming.	. COUNTY - Crook.	LEGAL - T. 50 N.	, R. 62 W., 6th			

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Black Hills National Forest Bearlodge Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R2 - Rocky Mountain R								
Moskee Burn Timber Stand and Wildlife Habitat Improvement CE	 Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants Forest products Vegetation management (other than forest products) Fuels management 	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 05/2022	Expected:08/2022	11/2022	Elizabeth Krueger 307-283-1361 elizabeth.krueger@usd a.gov			
	habitat.	val of planted stock in the 1936 Mos	·					
		anger District. STATE - Wyoming. utheast of Sundance, Wyoming.	. COUNTY - Crook.	LEGAL - T. 49 and	d 50 N., R. 60 and			
Woods Timber Stand Improvement	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products	ants Completed	Actual: 05/13/2022	08/2022	Elizabeth Krueger 307-283-1361			
CE *UPDATED*	Vegetation management (other than forest products) Fuels management				elizabeth.krueger@usd a.gov			
	fire hazard, and imp	Description: Thinning of dense pine stands, including some commercial timber harvest, to improve stand growth, reduce crown fire hazard, and improve wildlife habitat.						
	Location: UNIT - Bearlodge R	langer District. STATE - Wyoming. of Sundance Wyoming, between St						

Black Hills National Forest	Hell Canyon Ran	ell Canyon Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
BLM Road Access CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use	management	Completed	Actual: 05/10/2022	05/2022	Edward Davis 605-673-9292 Edward.Davis2@usda.g	
		Description: Bureau of Land Management is requesting a special use permit, on behalf of a logging contractor, to gain access to and haul timber from a timber sale on BLM owned lands.					
			Ranger District. STATE - South Dock Hills National Forest on the Wyo				

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Charles Borrud, Road Access Request CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use	management	Completed	Actual: 04/19/2022	04/2022	Edward Davis 605-673-9292 Edward.Davis2@usda.g ov
NEW Elevino	Description:		to snow plow and maintain NFSR 2 niles in length and 12 feet wide and			ate property. The
	Location:		Ranger District. STATE - South D 34.1E, from County Road 284, Cust			
City of Custer Sewage Line Installation CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use	management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/04/2021	Expected:05/2022	05/2022	Edward Davis 605-673-9292 Edward.Davis2@usda.g ov
NEW ZIOTINO	Description: City of Custer, South Dakota requesting to install a force main pipeline for treated wastewater to replace an older system. The new pipeline will be eight inches in width and be buried six feet deep. The old existing line will remain buried in place.					
	Location:		Ranger District. STATE - South Dalled along Custer County Road 34			ot Applicable. New
Custer County Elk Mountain Repeater CE *UPDATED*	- Special use	management	Completed	Actual: 03/23/2022	04/2022	Edward Davis 605-673-9292 Edward.Davis2@usda.g ov
OPDATED	Description: To add an antenna to the existing USFS Fire Tower and place a repeater in the radio building. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61053					
	Location:		Ranger District. STATE - South District Cated off of USFS road 118.1, Cust		uster. LEGAL - T	IS R1E, SEC 6 &
Lithograph Land Exchange	- Land owner	ship management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 11/2019	Expected:03/2020	05/2020	Meagan Buehler 605-673-9345 mkbuehler@fs.fed.us
	Description:	LINIT - Hell Canyon	Ranger District. STATE - South D	Dakota COLINTY - C	uster Fall River I	FGAL - Not
	Location.	Applicable. Souther	•	vandia. COUNTT - C	usici, i ali Nivel. I	LUAL - NUI

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Richard Borrud, Road Access Request CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use	management	Completed	Actual: 04/19/2022	04/2022	Edward Davis 605-673-9292 Edward.Davis2@usda.g ov
NEW LISTING	Description:		use permit to plow snow and do ma County Road 284, Custer Limeston		284.1D from the in	dividual's private
	Location:		Ranger District. STATE - South D M. NFSR 284.1d from private prope			
Southern Black Hills Water System Supplemental EA EA *UPDATED*	- Special use	management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 10/07/2021	Expected:05/2022 Actual: 01/27/2012 01/27/2012	06/2022	Sara Erickson 605-673-9302 sara.erickson@usda.go v
OI DATED		scription: The project is proposing to modify the original decision pertaining to the waterflow intake and water source as documented in the Decision Notice signed in 2012. The proposed action would allow for increased waterflow through the existing pipeline.				
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=32281				
	Location:		Ranger District. STATE - South D R5E, Sec 19, 20, 29. Southern Black		uster, Fall River. I	LEGAL - T6S,
Under Canvas Sign Permit CE	- Special use	management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2020	Expected:04/2020	04/2020	Sara Erickson 605-673-9347 serickson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Under Canvas has requested the posting of a direction sign on public lands to assist their customers in finding their way to the business.					
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.g	gov/project/?project=57993			
	Location:	UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - Not Applicable. North East of Custer just outside the Norbeck.				

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Black Hills National Forest	Hell Canyon Ranger District (exc	Canyon Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R2 - Rocky Mountain R						
Virginia Mine CE	- Minerals and Geology	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Gary Haag 605-673-9199 ghaag@fs.fed.us			
		n the operator of the Virginia Mine ha amendment proposes to expand the			heir existing Plan of			
	1	SW 1/4, Section 7. The area of the proposed expansion is located approximately 1.4 miles northeast of Pringle,						
Western Dakota Camp Association Craft Hall CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2020	Expected:04/2020	04/2020	Sara Erickson 605-673-9347 serickson@fs.fed.us			
	Description: Western Dakota Camp Association has put in a request for their existing Craft Hall. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57989							
	Location: UNIT - Hell Cany Camp Bob Marsh	on Ranger District. STATE - South D nall.	Dakota. COUNTY - C	custer. LEGAL - N	ot Applicable.			

Black Hills National Forest Mystic Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R2 - Rocky Mountain Region							
Cutty Sark Exploration Project	- Minerals ar	nd Geology	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2021	Expected:12/2021	12/2021	Gary Haag 605-673-9314 ghaag@fs.fed.us	
	Description :		oses to do surface exploration using shaft. Exploration would be done				
	Location:		ger District. STATE - South Dakot Section 33. Access to the claim is				

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Black Hills National Forest M	lystic Ranger	District (excluding F	Projects occurring in more than o	one District)	R2 - F	Rocky Mountain Region
Jenny Gulch Exploration Drilling Project EA *UPDATED*	- Minerals ar - Special us	nd Geology e management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 01/06/2020	Expected:09/2022	09/2022	Jonathan Manning 605-673-9200 Jonathan.Manning2@u sda.gov
OI DATED	Description:	clearing (as needed	s diamond core drilling at up to 42 (l), and reclamation activities. gov/project/?project=57428	drill sites, access road	d maintenance (as	needed), drill pad
	Location:	UNIT - Mystic Rang	per District. STATE - South Dakota ons 13, 14, 24, 25, T2N R4E. North		gton. LEGAL - Se	ctions 19, 30, 31,
Pactola Vegetation Management Project CE		management products)	Completed	Actual: 03/25/2022	10/2022	Brian Peacock 605-343-1567 Brian.Peacock@usda.g ov
	Description:	Description: The purpose and need of this project are to increase the resiliency of the project area to wildfire and forest health threats from insects and disease using a variety of commercial and non-commercial treatments.				
	Location:					
Soda Spar Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals ar - Special us	nd Geology e management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/26/2022	Expected:06/2022	06/2022	Jonathan Manning 605-673-9200 Jonathan.Manning2@u sda.gov
	Description:	Remove moss-cove National Forest Sys	ered boulders (landscaping materia tem Lands.	l) from an existing wa	ste dump on the cl	aim located on
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.g	gov/project/?project=62069			
	Location:	UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - SE of Section 22, T2S, R6E, Black Hills Meridian. 18 miles northeast of Custer, South Dakota and 5 miles southeast of Keystone, South Dakota.				

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Theodore Restoration Project CE	Forest productsVegetation management(other than forest products)Fuels management		In Progress: Scoping Start 02/23/2022	Expected:05/2022	10/2022	Scott Albrecht 605-343-1567 scott.albrecht@usda.go v		
	Description: Web Link:	Pescription: Removal of non-native ponderosa pine trees from within the 1939 McVey fire area & planting native Black Hills ponderosa pine. The project also proposes vegetation management activities that would improve the vigor & health to adjacent stands. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61675						
	Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - T01N R04E, Sections 1, 8, 9, 13-17, 20-26, 28, 29 and 34-36; T01N R05E, Sections 19, 30 and 31; T01S R04E, Section 1; T01S R05E, Sections 6 and 7; Black Hills Meridian; Pennington County, South Dakota. The Theodore Restoration Project is located approximately 7 miles Northwest of Hill City, SD.							
Triple G/Rallo's Roost Placer Mining project CE	- Minerals and Geology		Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2021	Expected:12/2021	12/2021	Gary Haag 605-673-4853 ghaag@fs.fed.us		
	Description: Prospecting in previously mined placer deposits. Most of the mining will be pick and shovel. There will be one piece of mechanized equipment; a battery powered recirculating sluice 4ft. long by 1 ft. wide. Sluice will be set in 100 gal. tank.							
	Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - Black Hills Meridian, T1N, R4E, Sections 21 & 22. Six miles west of Rapid City, South Dakota. Access is via State Highway 44 to Forest Service Road 167.							
Management (d	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management		In Progress: Scoping Start 03/07/2022 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 05/2022	Expected:11/2022	06/2023	Jessica Eggers 605-343-1567 jessica.eggers@usda.g ov		
	Description: Project activities would address forest health and fuels management concerns in the project area. Potential treatment options include prescribed burning, commercial and noncommercial thinning, planting/seeding, and slash treatments.							
	Web Link: Location:							

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Chimera Vegetation Management EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management		In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 03/10/2022	Expected:10/2022	01/2023	Christopher Stores 605-443-3081 chris.stores@usda.gov		
		Description: Commercial and non-commercial harvest of pine to reduce fire hazard in WUI areas, increase forest resilience, create a mosaic of forest conditions, enhance hardwood and meadow areas, and move the project area toward management area objectives.						
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61689								
	Location:	UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Chimera project area is located immediately east of Deadwood, SD, and south of Sturgis, SD in the northeastern corner of the Northern Hills Ranger District.						
Huggett Road Reconstruction CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management - Road management		Completed	Actual: 04/27/2022	05/2022	Brandon Taglioli 605-642-4622 brandon.taglioli@usda.g ov		
	Description: A private landowner has requested access to his property across NFS land. Access would be along two segme of old road template totally 210 feet across NFS land to NFS road 626.1							
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.g	gov/project/?project=61850					
	Location:	UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approximately three miles southwest of Spearfish, SD, immediately south of the Forest Service Spearfish Workcenter.						
MS 2051 Road Use Permit CE	- Special use	management	Completed	Actual: 11/09/2021	01/2022	Callie Ackerman- Jasper 605-642-4622 Callie.Ackerman- Jasper@usda.gov		
	Description:	scription: The landowners of MS 2051 have formed a road association and requested access to the property via Forest System Road 633.1. The property is landlocked by National Forest System land and qualifies for reasonable access under ANILCA.						
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59282						
	Location:	UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T5N, R1E, Section 20.						

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Black Hills National Forest Northern Hills Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R2 - Rocky Mountain Region								
Pete Lien and Sons Nemo South Exploration Drilling CE	- Minerals and Geology		In Progress: Scoping Start 05/23/2022	Expected:10/2022	11/2022	Christopher Stores 605-443-3081 chris.stores@usda.gov		
NEW LISTING	Description: Web Link:	Description: Pete Lien and Sons has submitted a plan of operations to conduct exploratory drilling south of Nemo, SD. Up to 32 holes would be drilled to search for iron-bearing materials. Each hole would be 3 inches in diameter and up to 200 ft. deep. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62237						
	Location:							
SDN Fiber Optic - Nemo Tower CE	- Special use	management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/17/2022	Expected:05/2022	07/2022	Callie Ackerman- Jasper 605-443-3077 Callie.Ackerman- Jasper@usda.gov		
	Description: SDN is proposing to construct a communication facility, including a 120 foot monopole tower, on NFS land near Nemo, SD to provide wireless internet to rural areas. Underground fiber optic would also be installed to connect the tower to their system. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61808							
	Location:	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Immediately southwest of Nemo, SD, on National Forest System land above the US Forest Service Nemo Work Center.						
SDN Fiber Optic - Rochford Tower CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use	management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/07/2022	Expected:08/2022	09/2022	Callie Ackerman- Jasper 605-443-3077 Callie.Ackerman- Jasper@usda.gov		
	Description: SDN has proposed installation of a communications tower and associated fiber optic cable on NFS near Rochford, SD to provide internet service to under-served areas.							
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62343						
	Location:	UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Immediately east of Rochford, SD, above the Rochford Fire Hall.						

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Black Hills National Forest Northern Hills Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R2 - Rocky Mountain Region								
Trooien Timber Landing and Hauling	- Special use management		Completed	Actual: 04/27/2022	05/2022	Brandon Taglioli 605-642-4622		
CE *UPDATED*						brandon.taglioli@usda.g ov		
OFDATED		Description: A private landowner has requested a permit to deck timber harvested off of private land at an existing landing site on NFS land, and to haul timber across off of private land across NFS land and along NFS roads.						
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61853							
		Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - Not Applicable. R4E, T5N, Section 3, approximately 4 miles west of Sturgis, SD. NFS roads 176.1A and 542.1D would be used for timber hauling.						

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